

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8242  
AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EINV, DM  
SUBJECT: CLAIMS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES FOR COMPENSATION OF ASSETS  
SEIZED BY GPRB

REF: A) STATE 107025, B) LAGOS 5357

1. PROSSER SAW EMBOFF MAY 2 AFTER RECEIPT EMBASSY LETTER (SEE REF B). PROSSER SAID HE HAS SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT COMPENSATION CLAIM AND AND IS WILLING TO GO TO COTONOU BUT EXPRESSED FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE JAILED IF HE ENTERED BENIN SINCE HE HAD BEEN EXPELLED OFFICIALLY. ALTHOUGH PROSSER ASSUMES FROM REF A THAT GPRB HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PERMIT HIS FREE ENTRY AND EXIT, HE ASKED THAT GPRB PROVIDE SPECIFIC ASSURANCES PREFERABLY IN WRITING. IN ADDITION, PROSSER REQUESTED OFFICIAL ESCORT ACCOMPANY HIM FROM BORDER TO COTONOU AND OUT AGAIN.

2. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES HAISLEY AND ANDERSON WILL ACCOMPANY PROSSER IF POSSIBLE. NOTE THAT PROSSER, HAISLEY AND ANDERSON SCHEDULED TO TAKE LEAVE LATE JUNE TO AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 1.

3. PROSSER TRYING TELEPHONE WATCHTOWER HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN, N.Y. THIS AFTERNOON.  
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